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His most famous, "Main Street," published in 1920, made him a celebrity overnight. "Babbitt," published in 1922, won him the 1930 Nobel prize and added a new word to the dictionary.

MANY A SHARPLY drawn character in Lewis' books was picked out by millions of readers as a true-to-life person of their own experience. And Gopher Prairie and Zenith, the village and small city in "Main Street" and "Babbitt," were real enough to be on a map.

"Arrowsmith," "Elmer Gantry," "Dodsworth," "It Can't Happen Here," "Kingsblood Royal," "Cass Timberlane," "The Man Who Knew Coolidge," "Ann Vickers," and "Prodigal Parents" were among other better-known books.

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### Detailed Lease Study Must Be Made By Arm

Republic's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—The Army Corps of Engineers said late Wednesday it must make detailed study here of the lease under which the State of Arizona received Fort Huachuca before it can begin proceeding to recover it for use as an air force training center.

The fort, declared surplus to the army, was acquired by the Arizona National Guard with the deed containing a clause reserving the right of the army to recover the installation in time of national emergency.

tion of the development stopped because of the international situation.

The reservation contains 76 acres divided into areas for residential project, a state fish game commission preserve, an guard training camp.